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II. AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

▪ Amendments Made Herein and Summary of Status of Claims

- Claims 1-3 are pending.
- Claim 1 has been allowed. Claims 2 and 3 have been objected to

Claim 2 has been amended. No new matter was introduced with the amendment.

▪ Statement with Respect to Scope of Amended and Non-Amended Claims

Revisions to the claim set is made in order to streamline prosecution of this case in order to obtain early allowance of embodiments that are presently anticipated to be of commercial significance and are not made for a purpose of patentability. Any amendment, cancellation, withdrawal or addition made herein with respect to the claims should not be construed in any manner as indicating Applicants' surrender of any subject matter of the application, or surrender of any equivalent to any element asserted in one or more claims. Any narrowing which may be evinced with respect to subject matter covered by the claims as a whole, or by one or more claims of the appended claims whether amended, re-represented, or new, when compared to claims previously in the application, should not be interpreted as indicating that the Applicants have generally disclaimed the territory between the original claimed subject matter and the amended claimed subject matter. Amended claims elements are to be construed to include substantial equivalents known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Applicants assert that any amendments transacted herein are made without prejudice and reserve all rights to prosecute any

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canceled claims, and claim structures preceding any amendment to a particular claim, and other disclosed (but not presently claimed) embodiments in the application, in future continuation applications, divisional applications, continuation-in-part applications, continuing prosecution applications, requests for continuing examination, re-examination applications and any other application claiming priority to the present application.

▪ **COMPLETE LIST OF CLAIMS THAT ARE OR HAVE BEEN BEFORE THE
OFFICE AFTER ENTRANCE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE HEREIN**

The following claims constitute a complete list of claims that are or have been before the office after entrance of the amendments made herein. Amendments to the claims are indicated in accord with Revised 37 C.F.R. §1.121. In accord with such regulation, the listing of claims set forth below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

—CLAIMS AS PENDING IN THE APPLICATION WITH AMENDMENTS MADE HEREIN

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1. (ORIGINAL) A segmented air distribution bar, comprising:

a body configured to create the coanda effect and having a passageway in fluid communication with a plurality of air supply cavities;

an air guide plate attached to the body and having an air gap for and in alignment with each of the plurality of air supply cavities, wherein the air gaps are configured to function with the body to create the coanda effect; and

at least one air flow knob for each air gap, each adjustably attached to the air guide plate for adjustment of the flow of air through the air gap.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A segmented air distribution bar as recited in Claim

1, further including two clamping ~~claiming~~ arms for adjustably attaching the air distribution bar adjacent to an inking roller.

3. (ORIGINAL) A segmented air distribution bar as recited in Claim 2, wherein

each clamping arm includes an upper clamp and a lower clamp that are secured together using biased fastening components so that the clamping arm can pivot about a tie rod and the air bar can pivot about a pivot stud without having to loosen the fasteners on the clamping arms

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